

6.1 Cauchy-Euler Equation

Any linear diff-eg of the form

$$a_n x^n \frac{d^n y}{dx^n} + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} \frac{d^{n-1} y}{dx^{n-1}} + \dots + a_1 x \frac{dy}{dx} + a_0 y = g(x)$$

these match!

Case: Quadratic Case

$$a x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + b x \frac{dy}{dx} + c y = 0$$

Try solution of the form

$$y = x^m$$

$I = (0, \infty)$ since

$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2}$ coeff is 0 at $x=0$

$$y = x^m$$
$$y' = m x^{m-1}$$
$$y'' = m(m-1) x^{m-2}$$

So

$$a x^2 m(m-1) x^{m-2} + b x m x^{m-1} + c x^m = 0$$
$$= x^m (a m(m-1) + b m + c) = 0$$

Thus

$$am(m-1) + bm + c = 0$$

$$am^2 + (b-a)m + c = 0$$

$$m = \frac{-(b-a) \pm \sqrt{(b-a)^2 - 4ac}}{2a} = m_1, m_2$$

Three cases:

Two real roots

one real root

two complex roots.

Case I Two real roots.

The solution is $y = C_1 x^{m_1} + C_2 x^{m_2}$

Case II Repeated root

Suppose the root is $m_1 \Rightarrow y_1 = x^{m_1}$ is a solution.

$$y_2 = y_1 \int \frac{e^{-\int p dx}}{y_1^2} dx$$

$$= x^{m_1} \int \frac{x^{-\frac{b}{a}}}{(x^{m_1})^2} dx$$

$$-p(x) = -\frac{b}{ax} \Rightarrow \int p(x) dx = -\frac{b}{a} \ln|x| = x^{-\frac{b}{a}}$$

If m_1 is the only root, then

$$(b-a)^2 = 4ac$$

$$m_1 = \frac{-(b-a)}{2a}$$

$$y_2 = x^{m_1} \int \frac{x^{-\frac{b}{a}}}{x^{2m_1}} dx = x^{m_1} \int \frac{x^{-\frac{b}{a}}}{x^{-\frac{(b-a)}{a}}} dx = x^{m_1} \int \frac{1}{x} dx = x^{m_1} \ln x$$

$$2m_1 = \frac{-(b-a)}{a}$$

Thus, the ^{general} solution is

$$y = C_1 x^{m_1} + C_2 x^{m_1} \ln x$$

Case III

Complex roots. (Conjugate pairs)

Two roots: $\alpha \pm \beta i$

$$\begin{aligned} y &= C_1 x^{\alpha + \beta i} + C_2 x^{\alpha - \beta i} \\ &= x^\alpha (C_1 x^{\beta i} + C_2 x^{-\beta i}) \end{aligned}$$

Note:

$$x^{\beta i} = e^{\ln x^{\beta i}} = e^{i(\beta \ln x)}$$

$$= \cos(\beta \ln x) + i \sin(\beta \ln x)$$

$$x^{-\beta i} = \cos(\beta \ln x) - i \sin(\beta \ln x)$$

$$y = x^\alpha \left[C_1 x^{\beta i} + C_2 x^{-\beta i} \right]$$

$$= x^\alpha \left[C_1 \left[\cos(\beta \ln x) + i \sin(\beta \ln x) \right] + C_2 \left[\cos(\beta \ln x) - i \sin(\beta \ln x) \right] \right]$$

$$= x^\alpha \left[\underbrace{(C_1 + C_2)}_{\rightarrow \text{any constant will do}} \cos(\beta \ln x) + i \underbrace{(C_1 - C_2)}_{\rightarrow \text{any constant will do}} \sin(\beta \ln x) \right]$$

$$= x^\alpha \left[C_1^* \cos(\beta \ln x) + C_2^* \sin(\beta \ln x) \right]$$

Alternative method:

substitute $x = e^t$ or
 $t = \ln x$ and

do the stuff from 4.6.

Ex: Solve $3x^2y'' + 6xy' + y = 0$

Method 1 $y = x^m, y' = mx^{m-1}, y'' = m(m-1)x^{m-2}$

$$3x^2(m(m-1)x^{m-2}) + 6x(mx^{m-1}) + x^m = 0$$

$$x^m [3m(m-1) + 6m + 1] = 0$$

$$x^m [3m^2 + 3m + 1] = 0$$

$$m = \frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{9 - 4(3)}}{6} = \frac{-3 \pm i\sqrt{3}}{6}$$

$$\alpha = -\frac{1}{2}, \beta = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}$$

$$y_1 = x^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left[C_1 \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{6} \ln x\right) + C_2 \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{6} \ln x\right) \right]$$

Method 2

$$X = e^t, t = \ln x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dt} \cdot \frac{dt}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dt} \cdot \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{1}{x} \frac{dy}{dt} \right) = \frac{1}{x} \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{dy}{dt} \right) + \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{1}{x} \right) \frac{dy}{dt}$$

$$= \frac{1}{x} \frac{d^2y}{dt^2} \underbrace{\frac{dt}{dx}}_{\frac{1}{x}} - \frac{1}{x^2} \frac{dy}{dt}$$

$$= \frac{1}{x^2} \left(\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} - \frac{dy}{dt} \right)$$

$$3x^2 y'' + bxy' + y = 0$$

$$3x^2 \left(\frac{1}{x^2} \left(\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} - \frac{dy}{dt} \right) \right) + bx \left(\frac{1}{x} \frac{dy}{dt} \right) + y = 0$$

$$3 \frac{d^2y}{dt^2} - 3 \frac{dy}{dt} + b \frac{dy}{dt} + y = 0$$

$$3 \frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + 3 \frac{dy}{dt} + y = 0$$

$$\text{Solve } 3m^2 + 3m + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow m = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{3}}{6}$$

$$y = c_1 e^{-\frac{1}{2}t} \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}t\right) + c_2 e^{-\frac{1}{2}t} \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}t\right)$$

$$= c_1 x^{-1/2} \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{6} \ln x\right) + c_2 x^{-1/2} \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{6} \ln x\right)$$